

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DROPS THE BAND ISSUE

(From Thursday's Advertiser.)

The Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon voted to drop the band matter from its discussions and consideration as being no longer of direct interest to that body. This decision, voted on by all but one of the members present, was based on the fact that the band was taking up valuable time of business men and that its care was a matter that should be taken up by the hui which furnished Joe Cohen with the \$5000 necessary to start the band on its tour.

This decision was not permitted to go on record without a strenuous objection on the part of J. R. Galt who said that the band matter was one which an organization like the Chamber of Commerce should consider and carry through if necessary. He challenged the other members to put any other construction on the matter.

However, the question was officially dropped, and there is now no official head to the plan for bringing the band back home from Reno, Nevada, where it will be today, unless the Governor takes action.

It is desired to bring the band back from Reno to San Francisco in time to catch the Korea on the 20th. Delay in this matter may leave the band stranded again along the road, to again become an object of consideration from the public.

It was stated at yesterday's meeting that at least \$1000 were in sight and the remainder would be collected on short notice.

At the meeting yesterday when the band came up for discussion, Mr. Peck read the cablegrams sent and received relative to the predicament.

He thought that as long as the band was a part of the National Guard, and therefore a part of the Federal forces, Governor Carter as Commander-in-chief of the military forces here could obtain a permit for the band to return home on the next transport sailing from San Francisco for Honolulu early in December.

He stated that he had received a cablegram from J. F. Morgan announcing the intended arrival of the band at Reno today where it is billed to play an engagement on the 18th. Mr. Morgan asked for further instructions.

Mr. Peck thought that while in San Francisco waiting for the transport the band would receive liberal patronage at concerts owing to the fact that San Francisco knows how well Hawaii responded to the call for relief for San Francisco in April last.

He then referred to the ten men forming the hui which raised \$5000 to send the band to the mainland. He said that while the hui may not be legally responsible for the return of the band, yet it certainly was morally so. He thought the hui should initiate the call to the public for assistance for the band. The hui should head the subscription lists and circulate them. He suggested that such a plan for subscriptions be fathered, not by the Chamber, but by the hui.

Mr. Galt asked for action tending to bring the band home on the Korea November 20. To keep the band in San Francisco until the sailing of the next transport would incur an expense of about \$1500.

He had cabled to the Coast to get figures for transportation for forty-four people from Reno to Honolulu. He had been advised that \$35.00 would be required per head. That was a low rate and far below Cohen's figures. Captain Berger in replying by cable to inquiries as to transportation costs had probably been influenced by Cohen. Mr. Galt advised raising sufficient funds to bring the band back direct and without delay. A mess had been made of the whole proposition and he wanted to see the band back.

Mr. Peck said that about \$1000 had been subscribed and was ready to be paid over. He suggested that "the press take the glory" of getting the subscriptions. Then came the climax.

"I don't think it is necessary anyhow," he said, "for this Chamber to meet in solemn confab over a theatrical venture. Here are ten men of a hui lying down and asking the Chamber of Commerce to do their business for them."

Mr. Swanzy's only comment was: "Hear, hear." Mr. Smith thought it a brassy thing for the hui to keep eight busy business men discussing such a matter for an entire hour.

Mr. Spalding moved that "this Chamber take no further action."

This was put to a vote and passed, Mr. Galt objecting. "I want to go on record," he said, "as being opposed to putting this matter aside as being of no interest to this community, as has been said. Mr. Peck said that he did not vote because the matter was of no interest to the community but because it was a matter with which the Chamber did not now have to deal with."

Mr. Galt said the Chamber of Commerce's mission was to carry on any matters of interest to the Territory. "I understand we are dropping it because it is of no further interest."

Mr. Spalding said that what he intended to convey in his motion would probably be covered by three words, "at this time." He said that the community did have interest in the band and they were wards of the Territory to a large extent. The community owes the band something.

As there was nothing up for discussion according to parliamentary usage the chairman said the matter was pau.

ULTIMATUM TO FIDELITY COMPANY.

An ultimatum has been given to the United States Fidelity and Surety Co., with regard to the bond in \$3000 for the return of the Hawaiian Band's instruments. By 12 o'clock noon today the local agent of the Fidelity, the Henry Waterhouse Trust Co., Ltd., must state whether the surety company intends to deliver up the instruments or to pay the penalty.

Such is the result of a conference held in the Attorney General's office yesterday afternoon between Attorney General E. C. Peters, John W. Farwell of the Waterhouse company and Col. J. W. Jones, commanding the First Regiment, National Guard of Hawaii, of which the band is an enlisted part. As custodian of the instruments for the United States government, which furnished them, Col. Jones exacted the bond in question before the band's departure.

"We made a demand on them," Mr. Peters said last night when questioned about the conference, "to give a definite answer by 12 o'clock noon tomorrow."

"What we want to know is whether they intend to deliver up the instruments or to pay the penalty."

"Everybody else, we told them, is endeavoring to see the band back, while the bondsmen for the return of the instruments are holding back and saying nothing."

"That is really all there was to the conference," Mr. Peters concluded. That is a good deal, since it means that unless the Fidelity people give a satisfactory answer by noon today a suit against them to recover the value of the instruments, in default of their immediate return, will be instituted.

CROSS-DIALECTS IN SCHOOLS ARE FATAL

Editor Advertiser: There is little doubt that the best results along educational lines are not being obtained by the present complex system in the public schools where all races in the Hawaiian Islands mingle in school-rooms and classes on a common and equal basis.

With Hawaiians, part-Hawaiians, English-speaking children, Chinese, Japanese, Portuguese, Porto Ricans, Korean and other nationalities grouped in the lower grades, each with its own peculiar pidgin-English dialect, English instruction by the teachers is nullified by the babel of dialects. One dialect overlaps another and the most determined instruction in English fails

to eliminate the "pigeon" element from the entire assemblage. Progress by this method is necessarily slow and certainly most unsatisfactory.

Discrimination may not be claimed in a method where the endeavor is to eliminate the overlapping of pigeon-English dialects. Take the entry grades for example. Let there be receiving rooms or classes for each nationality. For the first year let there be direct instruction to each nationality. It is within the zone of possibilities to better down to some extent, the pigeon-English expressions where but one dialect has to be dealt with by teachers. Better grammatical construction and better ideas of English "as she should be spoken" may thus be gained, than where half a dozen nationalities are crowded into one room and permitted to be grouped in cosmopolitan classes.

The second year the pupils may be graded according to progress made, and cosmopolitan classes might have their beginning the second year, if necessary. Under this system the charge of discrimination could hardly be made.

PAX.

KAUAI SUSTAINS GOOD COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Garden Island: Once more the voters of Hawaii have had a chance to signify their satisfaction or disapproval of the manner in which their affairs have been managed during the period, and the opinions as indicated by the result of the election have been decidedly approving the regime of the servants whose time is about to terminate, at least as far as Kauai is concerned.

The candidates of the Republican party, the party controlling the administration of public affairs in the past, came before the electors and asked them if they considered their actions warranting a continued trust in the sincerity of the men chosen.

The legislative candidates were largely men who served at the last session of the Legislature as caretakers of Kauai's interests. They had helped to give us a measure of self-government, and their constituents appreciated this crowning achievement of the session and thought it a reason for sending them back to complete the work.

The candidates for the county offices were also to a large extent men who had occupied the same position which they now sought and had been instrumental in bringing about the change that has taken place in local conditions during the past sixteen months.

When the county officials started in on their new duties, they were supposed to be the Hercules who was to clean the Augean stable of the fearful mess in which the Territorial administration had left it. The Advertiser hardly ever spoke of Kauai but as the "Red Light Island," and the county found itself the recipient of a system of roads which, while fairly decent in some parts, was a menace to life and limbs in many places and horse-killing as a whole.

The first set of officials went to work on the mess and have succeeded in cleaning up a lot of the stuff. The red light feature was one of the first tackled and it took but a short time of decided efforts to quell the evil. As soon as the money commenced to flow in the roads were attacked, grades brought as near as level as possible, substantial bridges erected, and old ones left uncared for by an absentee administration saved from utter collapse. Efficient men were sought out and appointed to look after the work in the different districts and encroachments by the Territorial officials on county rights as far as possible guarded against.

These are some of the results that the candidates relied upon as recommendations to the favor of their constituents and they were not disappointed.

The voters gave the party their full approval of the policy maintained thus far, and encouraged its continuance by practically electing every man recommended by the Republicans on Kauai.

Let the newly elected officials travel the trail struck by the former, whether in Legislature or in county, and they will fulfill what the constituents expect of them.

PRO AND CON ABOUT THE BAND THAT BERGER LEADS

There is a growing desire on the part of the people to have the band home. They feel that the boys are getting the worst of the trip and the people should come to the front and bring them back.

"It occurs to me," said Maurice Brasch, "that there is valuable time being wasted in talk. The boys are being frostbitten and it is up to the citizens to get them home as soon as possible. It is a mistake to quibble over what Cohen has made or lost, or what he may have in his pockets. What the citizens want is the band and the sooner the better. I am in favor of getting out with a subscription and raising the amount. There would be no immediate use for cash, the Chamber of Commerce could cable instructions to Spreckels and Co., for the passage and the thing would be done."

WOULD DROP IT.

Another gentleman prominent in business affairs said he did not want to see his name in the paper again in connection with the band as there had been, in his opinion, too much newspaper talk anyhow. "There should be no trouble to get the money," he said, "for we have ten men in Honolulu who put up five thousand dollars to take the boys away. The agreement is that they were to pay no more money but were to have fifty per cent of the profits. They were silent, liable partners up to the amount of their share, no more, but mark you, they were to come in for the profits to the extent of one half the earnings. I do not intend to have anything to do with the effort to get them back until I learn what those ten gentlemen intend doing. The band is, I understand, in Reno, or due there and they are to remain and give a concert there on the 18th. They are getting into warmer weather for they should be in San Francisco on the 19th, so they could get the Korea and be home on the 20th inst. According to the partnership agreement the amount put up by the individual members was to come out of the first earnings and we should find out how much of that amount has been paid. Another thing you will notice, those members have remained as silent as death over all the trouble."

BOB WON'T TALK.

Robert W. Shingle, one of the angels, refused to say much for publication. "I am one of the trustees," he said, "and it would be better for me to say nothing until I hear from the Coast. I have been doing some cabling but have had no replies." When informed that the band was preparing to leave for Reno he remarked that they were getting into warmer weather.

ANOTHER VIEW.

The son of one of the players says he has had a number of letters from his father and others and the tone of them would indicate that Cohen is doing all right as an impresario. Ordinarily the man in the box office smokes good cigars and the company goes without but this gentleman says Cohen has been given the worst of it by the Honolulu papers. The boys are playing from town to town and they seem satisfied, according to these letters, if they can make hotel bills and fares. The trouble has been to make the necessary amount.

BERGER SAYS WAIT.

Jesse McChesney has been doing some work on his own account as will be shown by the following letter received at this office yesterday:

Honolulu, November 14, 1906.

Editor Advertiser: So many letters and reports having reached Honolulu that the band boys were in a very unhappy plight, I, last Friday, cabled to Capt. H. Berger, Salt Lake, asking him "how much was required for the band to reach San Francisco." Saturday a reply was received, "Will cable when assistance is required." This would indicate that the band expected to reach San Francisco without assistance, but that when there we would hear from him again. He probably felt it best to not ask for help when so near San Francisco and able to get here, but it is not likely they will be able to save enough to pay steamer passage to Honolulu. My object in asking for this information there, was that in case funds were secured to bring the boys home they could catch the Sierra to leave San Francisco the 15th inst.

J. M. MCCHESNEY.

Indicting John D. Rockefeller for violation of the anti-trust law is a play to the galleries. It is a long time since Mr. Rockefeller had anything more to do with the Standard Oil company than to draw dividends from it and vote his shares at the stockholders' meeting. The management of the great trust passed into the hands of younger men, perhaps a decade ago. But it "looks like business" to indict Rockefeller, notwithstanding the ease with which he can prove himself not guilty.

In the late election San Francisco polled 51,000 votes and Los Angeles 51,000.

WORLDS NEWS CONDENSED

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

SAN FRANCISCO, November 14.—Secretary Metcalf favors the Japanese side of the school controversy here and believes the State law, under which the local Board of Education excluded Japanese pupils from one of the public schools, to be unconstitutional.

ST. PETERSBURG, November 14.—It is said that the alleged bomb-throwing at Major Rheinbot was part of a scheme to keep him from being retired from the army.

NEW YORK, November 14.—D. M. Delmas of San Francisco will defend Harry Thaw, for a reported fee of \$100,000.

HAVANA, November 14.—Cuban planters are urging labor immigration to handle the large sugar crop.

ASHEVILLE, November 14.—A negro ran amuck here yesterday, killing two policemen and a negro.

LONDON, November 14.—King Haakon of Norway has been invested with the order of the Garter.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, November 14.—Earthquakes were felt here this morning.

TACOMA, Wash., November 14.—Disastrous floods have occurred in the Puyallup valley.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 14.—The Grand Jury is investigating the charges of municipal graft.

PARIS, November 14.—The Countess Castellane has been granted a divorce. She was given the custody of the children.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 14.—The Federal Government is investigating frauds connected with the distribution of the relief funds in this city.

LEWES, Delaware, November 14.—American schooner Kineo, 202 days from Kahului, Maui, T. H., upon which there had been fifty per cent reinsurance, was towed in today. All aboard are well.

TOKIO, November 15.—The Satsuma, the biggest battleship in the world, was launched yesterday. The event was a historical one, the Emperor and the Crown Prince being present. The Satsuma exceeds the Dreadnought in tonnage and power.

COLON, November 15.—President Roosevelt has arrived here to inspect the work on the Panama canal. He was greeted by Gen. Amador and Chairman Shonts of the Canal Commission. Today he will view the progress of the canal enterprise.

SEATTLE, November 15.—The floods in the Puyallup valley have cost six lives and a million dollars' damages. Three hundred square miles are affected and a score of towns, including Seattle, are cut off from transportation facilities.

ODESSA, November 15.—Five terrorists, one a girl, have been court-martialed here. Two, including the girl, have been sentenced to death and two to penal servitude.

KANSAS CITY, November 15.—Delegates representing 35,000 employes and forty-five railroads west of Chicago, are in session here, deliberating over proposed demands for an increase of pay.

CANNES, France, November 15.—Mrs. Charles Strong, a daughter of John D. Rockefeller, died here yesterday of a paralytic stroke.

FINDLAY, O., November 15.—Indictments for violating the anti-trust law have been found against John D. Rockefeller and four others.

EAST LIVERPOOL, Ohio, November 15.—Gertrude Baker has accepted the position of librarian of the government library at Honolulu.

NEW YORK, November 15.—Senator Platt and wife have signed a deed of separation.

WRONG PUNCTUATION ON HONOLULU'S SIGN BOARDS

A Chicago sign writer on his way to Hongkong took minute observations of Honolulu's sign boards while his steamer stopped in port last month. "I am doing this rubbering for personal information," he said, "and while I have seen many well executed boards, some even quite artistic, there is a carelessness in punctuation that gives an old painter sore eyes. Periods and commas could be used with less freedom and not impair style or form. It requires no more labor or material to letter a sign correctly than incorrectly. The man to whom I was apprenticed told me: 'When in doubt about a period or comma leave it out.' Such a sign bearing the words 'John Brown,' on one line and 'Tailor,' on the line below it should have neither comma nor period, and when John Brown puts his name only on his shingle a period after 'Brown' is ridiculous, though your Honolulu painters will often ring it in. Periods, except after abbreviations, are almost eliminated in the East. Commas and quotations are other points that are being quite extensively cut out. Then I notice the use of the apostrophe is often woefully abused here. 'Men's and Boys' Clothing,' 'Ladies' and Misses' Garments,' 'Ladies' Misses' and Children's Underwear' and 'Ladies and Gentlemen's Watches' are wrong. 'Men and Boys' Clothing,' 'Ladies and Misses' Garments,' 'Ladies, Misses and Children's Underwear' and 'Ladies and Gentlemen's Watches' are right. When two or more words are employed jointly to indicate possession the last takes the possessive form. Who would think of writing 'Wilson's & Co.'s Flour'? To abbreviate gentleman, gentlemen or gentlemen's is bad form in a sign. 'Gent.' is the abbreviation of 'gentleman' as well as 'gentlemen' and if it becomes necessary to shorten 'Gentlemen's' in an announcement of 'Gentlemen's' Furnishing Goods the first word may be spelled 'Gent's.' The apostrophe may well be used in 'Manufacturers' Shoe Co.' or 'Sailors' Home,' though there are a few experienced sign writers and ever grammarians who doubt the propriety of the point where an institution of trade or a corporation is implied. If we were to take the apostrophe away from 'Manufacturers' we would have to do the same by 'Young Men's Christian Association,' and that would look queer indeed. I shall continue the use of the apostrophe in 'Sailors' Home' till Annapolis drew Carnegie or President Roosevelt forbids me. Hyphens are disappearing, even in so-called hyphenated names of firms and corporations. The word 'Limited' is not necessary on any sign, but it is seen all over Honolulu from banks to bakeries. Thousands of limited corporations in the States never use 'Limited,' 'Ltd.' or 'Inc.' Did you ever see it painted after the Standard Oil Co.'s name? I was highly amused in Chinatown, but I must not criticize the Chinese and Japanese, who certainly can make better signs in English than I in their languages."—Paradise.

FROM THE ANTILLES.

CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY BENEFITS A CITY COUNCILMAN AT KINGSTON, JAMAICA.

Mr. W. O'Reilly Fogarty, who is a member of the City Council at Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies, writes as follows: "One bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy had good effect on a cough that was giving me trouble and I think I should have been more quickly relieved if I had continued the remedy. That it was beneficial and quick in relieving me there is no doubt and it is my intention to obtain another bottle." For sale by Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.

The bark Edward May is loading sugar at Mahukona, having arrived there from Makaweli yesterday.